

REMARKS

Claims 5-7 are pending in the present application. Claim 5 has been amended to address the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Reconsideration of the rejection of the application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claim 5 has been amended to set forth the first terminal as a gate terminal and that the single source voltage is to couple the detected voltage at the gate terminal to the body of the transistor and that the single source voltage is to operate the transistor. In view of this amendment, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph is respectfully requested.

The Claims Are Allowable Over the Prior Art

Claims 5-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. 6,429,684 to Houston ("Houston"). Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Looking at claim 5 as amended, the claim recites a transistor with a gate terminal and a body. A detected voltage is to be applied to the gate terminal of the transistor and a bias voltage is to be applied to the body of the transistor based upon the detected terminal voltage. A single source voltage is to be used to couple the voltage that is to

be applied to the gate terminal of the transistor and to the body of the transistor and to operate the transistor.

As indicated previously, looking at Figs. 5 and 6 of Houston, the features of the claims are not shown. For example, the single source voltage feature is not shown. In Houston, there is no disclosure of a single source voltage that is to be used to couple the terminal voltage (applied to the gate of the transistor) to the body of the transistor and to operate the transistor. Looking at Fig. 6 of Houston, the coupling of the gate voltage to the body of the transistor is not shown, and is not shown using a single source voltage that is used to operate the transistor.

Since features of the pending claims are missing from the Houston reference, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 5-7 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above amendments and favorable action in connection with this application.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to discuss any matter concerning this application.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Kenyon and Kenyon Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

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